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MORMONISM.

Under the above head the *Herald and Presbyter* for Dec. 7, a Presbyterian paper published at Cincinnati, O., plainly exhibits the bigotry the editor possesses and how he is trying to fulfill the sayings of the ancient prophets, when they said "Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion." "But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel;" "But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost;" for their "eyes have been blinded" and they have "hardened their heart," "That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins be forgiven them;" and "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

Enough. We little thought of giving so much scripture when we began. Nevertheless, 'truth is mighty' and blessed are they that 'see and understand.'

Read the article and remember that the insertions in brackets are editorially ours. We do not wish to 'raise a muss,' yet do not feel like passing such a "pernicious and degrading" article without some comment thereon.

"The adherents of this sect are shown to be growing in numbers by recruits from the East and Europe and by the natural increase. [Correct. Does it frighten you?] Protestant missionaries and teachers are doing good work [taking the skum, oh, we mean apostates,] and have cause to rejoice that the fruit of their labors are apparent. There is, however, a very inadequate supply of funds for the great work to be done before the land may be said to be occupied." [That's it! 'Tis not Polygamy they wish to put down, it is the "land" they desire to "occupy" since we have "made the desert blossom as the rose.]"

"Because the pernicious and degrading influences of Mormonism [Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.] are not so strongly felt among us as they are out West, Christian [!] people do not all rise to a proper sense of their obligations to combat it. That which impairs national honor, affects in any way our moral status as a nation or undermines any fundamental principle, unsettles society and

threatens personal injury to every citizen, [should not be tolerated. But let those who are so zealous in fighting the principles of "Mormonism," look at HOME! and before they try to cast the "mote out of their brother's eye," let them cast the "beam out of their own eye" by rooting out the many 'vices' that are in their midst. Close your houses of ill-fame, stop the whoredoms, and let ALL children that are born be LEGITIMATE! instead of BASTARDS, having or knowing no father! Honor and Virtue are not half as "pernicious and degrading" as villiany and debauchery. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. &c., &c. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith," 2 Tim. 3.] It becomes, therefore, the duty of all who desire peace and good government to contribute something towards the correction of the abuse [that christianity is heaping upon the "Mormons!"]

The Mormon Church defies the power of the Government, [incorrect,] and the leaders are growing more arrogant and rebellious in their utterances, [Still incorrect,] as they see the influx of converts from the work of their missionaries. These proselytes are mostly from the ignorant classes, [false: Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh. Mat. 18, 7.] are easily brought under their influence, and, for a time, are more zealous than older members.

The most important question Congress will have to pass upon this winter will involve this question, [of course, it wouldn't do to pass it by, they would lose favor with the christian world, it is so popular,] and much concern is felt as to how it will be dealt with. [Better let it alone; for the first amendment to the Constitution says "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The Clerk of the House of Representatives, it is said, has decided [in right and honor,] to place upon the roll the name of Cannon, the Mormon delegate, notwithstanding the courts have [falsely] decided that he is not a properly naturalized citizen. When he presents himself to take the oath, objection will be made, and the House will have to vote [him in,] upon it. If decided in his favor, then the real question will come up, in which the people feel a greater interest; that is, whether a representative elect who is living with three wives in open and notorious violation of one of the fundamental laws [which Congress had no right to pass, according to the Constitution, therefore it is illegal,] of the land, [instead of keeping it secret,] is eligible to a seat in that body. We hope that there will be no effort to avoid or postpone the question. It should be settled now and forever. [Amen!] A violator of the law is not a proper person to enact laws, [just as though he does; ha, ha, ha, ha; Mr. editor, inform yourself,] and for every Presbyterian we protest against it. The right of petition guaranteed by our Constitution, [passing by the clause "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," yet they are equal in POWER when JUSTICE RULES!] is a powerful agent when properly used, and should be exercised at this time in defence of national honor and purity."

WHY TIMBER DECAYS.

Prof. Bessey, in the Ames (Iowa) *Intelligencer*, discusses the reasons why timber decays rapidly in that

state. He says if decaying wood is examined carefully there will be found in it a lot of white threads looking like a mass of spider-webs; that under a microscope each thread shows that it is a string of living cells, and each cell a plant cell of a degraded type; that these white threads bear parasites, drawing their existence from the wood and causing its death and decay. The professor says this white plant produces little spores by the million, and wherever one of them falls a new plant may spring up. The preventives against the introduction or growth of this parasite are white-wash, creosote, blue vitriol or copperas liberally applied to the surface of the timber.

ONE HUNDRED BUSHELS OF CORN TO THE ACRE.

Nathan G. Pierce tells the *American Cultivator* that one hundred bushels of shelled corn can be grown from an acre of land by selecting a gravelly loam, plow deep about the first of May, harrow and apply nine hundred pounds of fertilizer to the acre, and harrow again. The rows are to be made three feet apart and plant three kernels of corn to the hill, two feet apart in the row. It must be cultivated and hoed, and allow no weeds to grow. After the corn gets a fair start, cut each hill down to two stalks and keep off all suckers that may appear. If any smut appear, cut it out and remove from the field.

After the corn has ripened and become hard, cut and stack, and when dried it is ready to husk and put in the crib.

If our farmers would take a little pains, save and apply to their land, all the manure they can procure, they would reap the benefit in having larger crops from the same amount of land.

Better cultivate small farms and put plenty of manure on them, than to have large farms and apply no manure.

THE LICENSE QUESTION.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Therefore, drink not the wine or liquor, dry your grapes, store away the grain, and keep them for food. God makes the grain and fruit, but man makes wines and liquors. It is by destroying the grain and fruit that wines and liquors are produced. The decayed food produces death.

Eat grain and fruit, you'll find them good,
There's nothing better for your food;
Drink them and you'll poison find
For the body and the mind.

Eat them, you'll be well and strong,
Happy as the day is long;